

## ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate, at 10:25 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Tex., Friday, Aug. 16, 1901.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Neal in the chair.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	McGee.
Davidson of	Neal.
DeWitt.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Hanger.	Turner.
Harris of Bexar.	Turney.
Harris of Hunt.	Wayland.
James.	Wheeler.
Johnson.	Wilson.
Lipscomb.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

## Absent.

Goss.	Potter.
Miller.	Savage.
Odell.	Swann.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday (seventh day), the same, on motion of Senator Wayland, was dispensed with.

## EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Turner, Senator Savage was excused from further attendance upon the Senate until Tuesday, next, on account of important business.

## COMMITTEE REPORT.

The following committee report was made to the Senate:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, August 16, 1901.  
*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Apportionment, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 4, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not* pass.

Your committee beg leave to report the accompanying bill, entitled "A bill to be entitled An act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith," as a substitute therefor, and I am instructed to report it to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass in lieu thereof.

HARRIS of Bexar, Chairman.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4—CONGRESSIONAL APPORTIONMENT.

## A BILL

## TO BE ENTITLED

An Act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That until otherwise provided by law the State of Texas shall be apportioned into the following congressional districts, each of which shall be entitled to elect one member to the Congress of the United States:

1. The following counties shall compose the First District, towit: Lamar, Red River, Bowie, Cass, Marion, Morris, Titus, Camp, Franklin, Delta and Hopkins.

2. The following counties shall compose the Second District, towit: Jefferson, Orange, Newton, Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine, Angelina, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, Shelby, Panola and Harrison.

3. The following counties shall compose the Third District, towit: Van Zandt, Henderson, Wood, Smith, Upshur, Gregg and Rusk.

4. The following counties shall compose the Fourth District, towit: Grayson, Collin, Fannin, Hunt and Rains.

5. The following counties shall compose the Fifth District, towit: Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman and Ellis.

6. The following counties shall compose the Sixth District, towit: Navarro, Freestone, Limestone, Leon, Robertson, Brazos and Burleson.

7. The following counties shall compose the Seventh District, towit: Galveston, Liberty, Chambers, Hardin, Tyler, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Houston and Anderson.

8. The following counties shall compose the Eighth District, towit: Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Austin, Waller,

Montgomery, Grimes, Walker and Madison.

9. The following counties shall compose the Ninth District, towit: Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, Lavaca, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, Aransas, Refugio, Goliad, Bee, San Patricio, Live Oak, Karnes, Wilson, Guadalupe and Comal.

10. The following counties shall compose the Tenth District, towit: Williamson, Travis, Hays, Caldwell, Bastrop, Washington, Fayette and Colorado.

11. The following counties shall compose the Eleventh District, towit: McLennan, Falls, Bell, Milam and Lee.

12. The following counties shall compose the Twelfth District, towit: Tarrant, Parker, Palo Pinto, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Hill and Johnson.

13. The following counties shall compose the Thirteenth District, towit: Cooke, Denton, Wise, Montague, Clay, Jack, Young, Archer, Wichita, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Haskell, Knox, Foard, Hardeman, Stonewall, King, Dickens, Crosby, Cottle, Motley, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Bailey, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Armstrong, Randall, Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson, Moore, Hartley, Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb.

14. The following counties shall compose the Fourteenth District, towit: Burnet, Lampasas, Coryell, Hamilton, Erath, Comanche, Eastland, Brown, Coleman, Mills, McCulloch, Mason, San Saba, Llano, Gillespie and Blanco.

15. The following counties shall compose the Fifteenth District, towit: Bexar, Kendall, Kerr, Bandera, Medina, Frio, Atascosa, McMullen, La Salle, Webb, Duval, Nueces, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Zapata.

16. The following counties shall compose the Sixteenth District, towit: El Paso, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Crockett, Val Verde, Kinnéy, Maverick, Dimmit, Zavala, Uvalde, Edwards, Sutton, Schleicher, Menard, Kimble, Concho, Tom Green, Irion, Upton, Crane, Ward, Reeves, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Callahan, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Taylor, Nolan, Fisher, Scurry, Mitchell, Howard, Borden, Dawson, Martin, Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, Cochran, Hockley, Terry, Lubbock, Lynn, Garza and Kent.

Sec. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. The fact that the present ses-

sion of the Legislature is drawing to a close, and the great importance of the passage of this measure, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity authorizing the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and the same is hereby suspended.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Harris of Bexar:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Whereas, A study of the physical and meteorological conditions of that vast area of Texas between the Brazos and Pecos rivers, including especially the staked plains or table lands of Texas and New Mexico, and their close relations to the Sacramento mountains in the Southeastern portions of New Mexico, discloses the fact that the summer torrential rains that with unfailing regularity have, within the memory and traditions of the oldest inhabitants, fallen upon the aforesaid entire chain, and that in connection with the heavy fall, winter and spring snows have caused these great mountains ranges to be densely covered by magnificent forests of white and yellow pine, spruce, fir, cedar and other forest trees; and,

Whereas, It is obvious that the cold, high altitudes of these mountains, ranging from 8,500 to 14,200 feet, and distant in places less than one hundred and fifty miles from the Texas line, is the first object the prevailing southeast winds of Texas, laden with gulf moisture, meet with, that causes this immense precipitation of summer rain; and,

Whereas, As a natural result of the snows and rains innumerable perennial springs and mountain streams cleave the sides of the Sacramento ranges for hundreds of miles, finding their way in part to the Pecos river, and more largely into the table lands referred to, forming thereby a vast reservoir for all Northwest, West and Southwest Texas; and,

Whereas, All the larger streams within that area have their origin at or near the base of the staked plains or table lands of Texas; that is, near the great bluffs that for three hundred miles mark the line of demarkation between the table lands and semi-mountainous region of Northwest and Southwest Texas; and,

Whereas, The normal rainfall of all the region included in the staked plains and semi-mountainous region south of them is wholly insufficient to support any one of the principal streams of Southwest Texas; and,

Whereas, These plains are found to be underlaid with the same semi-freestone water that is found in the streams that

flow from the Sacramento range, and yet no living stream empties into them over their surface; and,

Whereas, Their physical and meteorological conditions make it of the utmost importance to every interest of the entire State, and especially of vital importance to the entire region embraced within the limit aforesaid, to preserve the natural or physical features that, according to well established natural laws, serve to perpetuate the original sources of the water supply of the region referred to; and,

Whereas, It is currently known that a rapid destruction of the vast forests upon the lower portion of the Sacramento ranges is taking place by large lumber companies, causing the denudation of thousands of acres of their deeply covered moisture-laden soil, the inevitable result of which denudation will be to cause the springs and streams to dry up, and the streams of Texas to rapidly drain the reservoir in the table lands, and in turn cease to flow except in case of local rains; and,

Whereas, There are now persistent and systematic efforts being made by parties interested in the lumber business to get the government of the United States to remove the Mescalero Apache Indians from their immense reservation, situated in the central part of the Sacramento ranges, in its highest altitudes and finest timbered and watered regions, so as to throw open these vast forests, ostensibly to the settler, but in reality to the woodman's axe, as soon as the present forest supply is exhausted where they are now operating, estimated to be about twelve years; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That in view of the premises aforesaid, the president and Congress of the United States be and they are hereby most earnestly requested to take such prompt and efficient action as will prevent farther destruction of these vast primeval forests, and insure their perpetual preservation, and the consequent preservation of the meteorological and physical conditions of the large and important area of Texas referred to, together with the great material interests of Texas, inseparably bound up in these conditions, and do earnestly recommend that the government segregate all public lands owned by it, including the Indian reservation referred to, for the purpose of a grand national park, a park that it is conceded would be surpassed by none in the United States, and only equaled by the Yellowstone for scenic grandeur and picturesque beauty.

The resolution was read first time, and,

On motion of Senator Turner, went over for one day.

The President Pro Tempore here declared the morning call concluded.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 (MAC STEWART)— SIGNED.

The President Pro Tempore gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, relating to the incarceration of Mac Stewart in Chihuahua, Mexico.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Turner, the Senate, at 10:20 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, August 20th.

#### NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1901.

The Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Neal in the chair.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	Neal.
Davidson of	Odell.
DeWitt.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Potter.
Dibrell.	Savage.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Staples.
Harris of Bexar.	Swann.
Harris of Hunt.	Turner.
James.	Turney.
Johnson.	Wayland.
Lipscomb.	Wheeler.
Lloyd.	Wilson.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

McGee.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of last Friday (eighth day), the same, on motion of Senator Wilson, was dispensed with.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Beaty presented the following petition: